plea for take-over of the Indian Council of World Affairs management; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the representations by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Indian Council of World Affairs is an autonomous body and it is not the policy of the Government to take over such bodies. After extensive consultations, the Government have decided to constitute a high-powered committee to look into the affairs of I.C.W.A. However, this committee can only be set up on a specific request of the Council itself, it being an autonomous body. Presently, the governing body of the Council is being persuaded to pass a resolution requesting the Government to constitute such a committee.

Report on Islamic Terrorist Camp

1625. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to a Report "The New Islamic International" produced by the US House of Representatives Republican research committee:

(b) whether Government has taken any action on the 29 Kashmiri Subsitive groups who have been receiving assistance and shelter in Pakistan; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take with regard to reported Islamic terrorist in Gohat, Larkana, Sialkot and Lahore where they are trained on the latest weapons and they infiltrated into India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Government have obtained details relating to the House Republican Research Committee's report titled "The New Islamic International" which in its Section on Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Export of Terrorism noted the assistance, as per an active ISI programme, to Kashmiri militants. Government have been continuously appraising friendly Governments, including the US, of the continuous support in terms of arms, equipment and training by Pakistan to terrorists in India.

(b) and (c) Government constantly monitor developments relating to India's national security and remain committed to take necessary steps to safeguard India's territorial unity and integrity.

Increase in the Passport Fee

1626. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an unprecedented hike in the passport fee and if so, the quantum of increase;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have also taken steps to streamline the process of issue of passport if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Passport fees were revised w.e.f. 10th July, 1993. to bring them in line with the cost of production and preparation of passports and the provision of passport services. The revised fee schedule is given in the enclosed statement (*see* below).

(c) Yes, Sir. Government have taken a number of measures to streamline the process of issue of passports. These include augmentation of staff strength; increase in the supply of passport booklets; introduction of a incentive scheme; upgradation of office facilities and a review of systems and procedures in order to increase productivity and reduce delays.

Statement

The Revised fee sehedule for Passport

Sl. No.	Particulars of application	Scale of fees India	Abroad
1	2	3	4
	NEW PASSPORTS		
1.	Ordinary Passport with a maximum validity of ten years (no extra fee will be charged for renewals upto ten years if initial validity is less)	Rs. 300	Rs. 750
2.	India-Bangladesh Passport with a maximum initial validity of three years (no extra fee will be charged for renewals upto three years if the initial validity is less)	Rs. 200	Rs. 500
3.	India-Sri Lanka Passport with a maximum initial validity of four years (no extra fee will be charged for renewals upto four years life if initial validity is less)	Rs. 200	Rs. 500
	SPECIAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS		
4.	Emergency Certificate	—	Rs. 100
5.	Certificate of initial with a maximum initial validity of six years	Rs. 100	Rs. 250
6.	Additional Passport for any country under the proviso to rule 13 upto initial validity of one year (no extra fee will be charged for renewals upto ten years).	Rs. 300	Rs. 750
	RENEWAL OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS		
7.	Renewal of ordinary passport with an initial validity of five years (for a maximum validity of ten years (the renewal fee will be charged in one lump sum once only even though period of validity may be less than five years depending upon discretion of Passport issuing Authority or according to instructions from Government authorities).	Rs. 200	Rs. 500
8.	Renewal of India-Bangladesh Passport with a maximum validity of three years after initial validity of three years (the renewal fee will be charged in one lump sum once only, even though period of validity may be less than three years, depending upon discretion of Passport Issuing Authority or according to instructions from Government authorities).	Rs. 100	Rs. 250
9.	Renewal of India-Sri Lanka Passport with a maximum validity of four years after initial validity of four years (the renewal fee will be charged in one lump sum once only, even though period of validity may be less than four years, depending upon discretion of Passport Issuing Authority or according to instructions from Government).	Rs. 100	Rs. 250

10.	Renewal of Emergency Certificate (two renewals for three months at a time)	Rs. 200 per renewal	
11.	Renewal of Certificate of Identity (per years or part thereof upto two years)	Rs. 50	Rs. 125
11(a).	Renewal of additional passport after five years (the renewal fee will be charged in one lump sum only)	Rs. 200	Rs. 500
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES			
12.	Additional endorsement or other miscellaneous service on ordinary passport (not being a miscellaneous service referred to in entry fourteen of this Schedule)	Rs. 100	Rs. 250
13.	Adding supplementary pages when all the pages in an existing ordinary passport are used up	Rs. 100	Rs. 250
14.	Of any miscellaneous service requiring issue of a fresh passport booklet	Rs. 300	Rs. 750
15.	Additional endorsement or miscellaneous service on an Emergency Certificate.	Rs. —	Rs. 200
16.	Additional endorsement or miscellaneous service on a Certificate of Identity.	Rs. 100	Rs. 250
17.	Miscellaneous service on an India-Bangladesh Passport.	Rs. 100	Rs. 250 (in Bangladesh)
18.	Issue of additional pages when all the pages in an existing India-Bangladesh passport are used up.	Rs. 100	Rs. 250 (in Sri Lanka)
19.	Miscellaneous service on an India-Sri Lanka Passport	Rs. 100	Rs. 250
20.	Issue of additional pages when all pages in an existing India-Sri Lanka Passport are used up.	Rs. 100	Rs. 250
DUPLICATE PASSPORTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS IN LIEU OF LOST OR DAMAGED DOCUMENTS—			
21.	Issue of duplicate passport in lieu of ordinary passport on the ground that it has been lost, stolen, damaged, destroyed or for any other such reasons	Rs. 2500	Rs. 6250
22.	Renewal of duplicate passport for normal validity	Rs. 200	Rs. 500
23.	Issue of duplicate Emergency Certificate in lieu of the Emergency Certificate on the ground that it has been lost, damaged or, destroyed, or for any other such reasons.	Rs. —	Rs. 500
24.	Issue of duplicate Certificate of Identity in lieu of the Certificate of Identity on the ground that it has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, or for any other such reason.	Rs. 300	Rs. 750
25.	Issue of duplicate Passport in lieu of the India-Bangladesh passport on the ground that it has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, or for any other such reason.	Rs. 500	Rs. 1250 (in Bangladesh)
26.	Renewal of duplicate India-Bangladesh Passport for normal validity	Rs. 200	Rs. 500
27.	Issue of duplicate Passport in lieu of India-Sri Lanka passport on the ground that it has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.	Rs. 500	Rs. 1250 (in Sri Lanka)
28.	Renewal of duplicate India-Sri Lanka passport for normal validity.	Rs. 200	Rs. 500